

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1244 - HB 1256**

March 12, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires certified nurse practitioners with prescriptive authority to include the specific name of the Tennessee licensed physician providing primary supervision, control, and responsibility for medical care services in the notice filed with the Board of Nursing. Requires the formulary to be jointly developed by the supervising physician and the nurse practitioner and include the controlled substances the nurse practitioner is and is not authorized to prescribe and may restrict the prescriptive authority of the nurse practitioner.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Currently, nurse practitioners with prescriptive authority must file a notice with the Board of Nursing with the name of a licensed physician who has supervision, control, and responsibility for the prescriptive services rendered by the nurse. The proposed legislation broadens the supervising physician's responsibility to include supervision of all medical care provided by the nurse practitioner and requires the supervising physician to be licensed in the state.
- There may be additional matters referred to the Department and the Board of Nursing that will be investigated. Any increased expenditures resulting from these matters will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had closing balances of \$1,720,424 in FY10-11, \$1,277,018 in FY11-12, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,278,591 as of June 30, 2012.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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